

October 25,2016

NDVCC minutes special meeting:

Chairman Russ Stabler call meeting to order at 1pm at West Fargo VFW Post 7564 for purpose of Tobacco tax discussion and Military Funeral Honors process. Chairman Stabler led the pledge of allegiance followed by moment of silence for our troops deployed,

Tuff called roll call with 11 members or replacements present. Minutes handout move to accept Goldstein (Legion) Tobin (DAV) motion passed

Treasure report \$8340.69 on hand Gate City checking

Press conference Dave Johnson gave report on the press conference that was held at the depot in Fargo earlier that day. Yard signs were discussed and Dave had more at Legion office.

Poll 46/46 with 7% undecided. Using social media to get the word out , friends and family, letters to the Editor and Grass roots level.

Lonnie Wangen pointed out to Tuff that there was no info out at the VFW POST 7564 for people to see about the tobacco tax. It was taken care of.

Coverage by media of press conference and interviews were discussed:

Then the questions if it doesn't pass

1. Margin of loss
2. Big tobacco lobbyists

How do we approach the legislature on funding?

Burgum if elected no new taxes

Holding 25% budget cuts

What can we do to make this work / ACCOVA has drafted a preliminary strategic plan

Military Funeral Honors

The DOD and National Guard Bureau are at odds over funding for Honors of Veterans Funerals IE:

In ND only Army Veterans will get full Honors from ND National Guard Funeral Honors Team by order, the Airforce is suppose to have 2 team members from its bases to do Air Force funerals , Navy reserve the same, as well as Marine reserve the Coast Guard is without much representation. The National

Guard says that they will not leave any Veterans Funeral unattended. Please contact the Senators and our representative about putting pressure on the DOD to fix this problem

They are working on a Funerals Honor Coin>

Move to adjourn

Dave Johnson

Second Dan Stenvold

Motion passed Next meeting Nov 17/18 Bismarck Comfort INN 1pm